

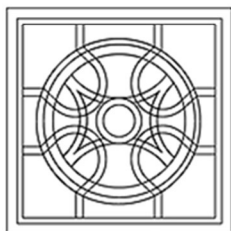
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

An inclusive community of faith

Sunday, August 13, 2023

10 a.m.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill!

Whether you're a first-time guest or a long-time member, we are grateful for your presence. There's a place for you here!

See an usher for hearing devices or large-print bulletins.

Nursery care for infants through age 2 is available in the Strouse building—ask an usher for assistance. Children age 3 and older depart from worship for church school.

We encourage you to fill out the black fellowship pads in the pews, to help us to get to know all who've shared worship with us today.

Following the 10 a.m. service, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship in Widener Hall.

We send regular email updates about worship, church life, and other events. Please contact the church office if you'd like to receive them.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Find more information about PCCH on page 11.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Adagio cantabile
from *Sonata No. 8*

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

INTROIT

The Gift of Love

arr. Hal H. Hopson
(b. 1933)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from psalm 67)*

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

People: **that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

*HYMN 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

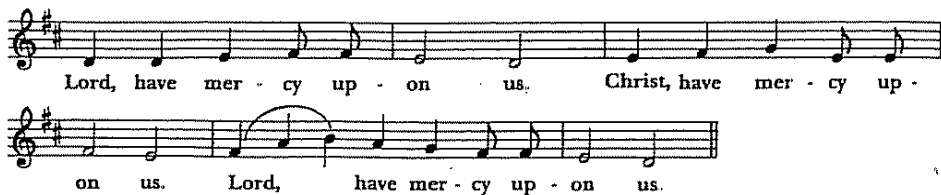
*Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of mercy
Your command to love one another
Across all differences
Opens us to new horizons,
Yet we often respond with fear and judgment
That hinders your goal for humanity.
Forgive our sins, we pray
And give us a true repentance
That leads to life for all creation.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
(Hymn 416)

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

God our helper,
by your Holy Spirit, open our mind,
that as the scriptures are read
and your word proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth
and taught you will
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 49:5-7

And now the Lord say, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 85:8-13

PLAINSONG

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

*Children through fifth grade depart for church school in the Strouse building.
Parents, please pick up your children after worship.*

HYMN (*seated*)

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Jop’pa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At this very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Jo’pa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced; and they praised God saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

How to Change Your Mind

Russell C. Sullivan, Jr.

*HYMN 327

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Be thou faithful unto death,
and I will give to thee a crown of life.
Be not afraid,
my help is nigh.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKGIVING**

Almighty and merciful God,
from whom comes all that is good,
we praise you for your mercies,
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your discipline that has corrected us,
your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us.

Help us to love you,
and to be thankful for all your gifts
by serving you and delighting to do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 538**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

The Rev. Dr. Russell C. Sullivan Jr.

LITURGIST

The Rev. Dr. Beth Shalom Hessel

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Greg Dickinson

MUSIC

Steve Williamson tenor soloist, Jeffrey DeVault organist

GREETERS

Margaret Spencer and William Storm Elders

Sarah Wright Deacon

USHERS

Kevin Raphael Team #1 Leader, Doug Olson, Sarah Wright, Beth Wrigley

FLOWER GUILD

Diane Cornely and Grace Stewart

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the **Loved Ones of Alice Lea Tasman.**

COVER ART Jan Styka, *St. Peter Preaching the Gospel in the Catacombs*, 1902. Styka (1858-1925) was a Polish painter noted for producing large historical, battle-piece, and Christian religious panoramas; his most notable paintings include *Bem in Siedmiogrod* (1897), *The Martyrdom of Christians in Nero's Circus* (1897), and *The Battle of Raclawice* (1894). Also an illustrator and poet, Styka was also known as a great patriotic speaker.

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GOOD TO KNOW

If you are interested in exploring membership at PCCH, please contact Craig Barnes at the church office or at cbarnes@chestnuthillpres.org.

Sunday worship is live-streamed at chestnuthillpres.org/live and is recorded for later viewing. This offering extends our reach across the country and beyond. Visit us when you're away and tell your friends about this new opportunity to join us.

Please share any pastoral care needs or concerns with Russell Sullivan at the church office or at rsullivan@chestnuthillpres.org.

Please see the back cover for information about our church staff and how to contact and connect with us. You also can access today's Bulletin online.

The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill has committed itself to be a Matthew 25 congregation, joining an initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) focused on three areas:



MATTHEW 25

Building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty.

Visit our Matthew 25 page: chestnuthillpres.org/matthew-25 for more information about Matthew 25 news and events.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCCH

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Please join us every Sunday after worship throughout the summer months for fellowship in Widener Hall or, weather permitting, on the front lawn.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



To volunteer, scan the QR code and fill out the form, or speak with Julie Snyder, Amy Raphael, Shannon Cavanaugh, or Michelle Shachtman. Any questions, contact Julie Snyder at jsbishop717@gmail.com or contact the church office. See dates and details on page 13.

COMING THIS MONDAY AT PCCH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place August 14 to August 18, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is still plenty of time to register (ages 3 through grade 5) or volunteer (grade 6 and up)! VBS 2023 will be based on the children's musical "Called," and will explore what the Bible means when it refers to God's call. Our campers will participate in music, drama, yoga, arts and crafts, gardening, flower arranging, and more, all while hearing unique "Call" stories from the Bible and our own church family. \$150 for the week.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

As part of our call to mission, our VBS campers will be holding a school supply drive for Community Partnership School in North Philadelphia. **A list of needed supplies is listed on page 14.** Donations may be brought to the Reception Room.

Please help us spread the word about this fun, meaningful program!
Register at tinyurl.com/25xvsvax

Vacation Bible School 2023



MONDAY – FRIDAY
AUGUST 14 -18
9 – NOON

Exploring what it means to be “called”
through music, drama, yoga, art, mission, & more.

VBS is open to children
ages 3 through 5th grade.
All are welcome!
Join us and
bring a friend!



Register here



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

This summer PCCCH is partnering with CPS to support their students with back-to-school supplies. Backpacks are welcomed but the supplies are the main focus of this drive. PCCCH member Beth Nell Vaccaro, chair of the Social Witness Committee, is an administrator at CPS. She will be speaking to the kids at VBS about social witness and service, and how educational opportunities can vary across communities. She will encourage them to contribute supplies too. The requested list of items to choose from is below. Please bring supplies to the reception room by Sunday August 27 before worship.

Supplies include: Crayola colored pencils, No. 2 pencils, blank white dividers, spiral wide-ruled notebooks, marble wide-ruled composition notebooks, 1-inch 3-ring binders, EXPO dry erase markers, plastic 2-pocket folders, multicolor Sharpie markers, Crayola crayons, Crayola markers, Scotch tape, purple or white glue sticks, small liquid glue containers, white card stock, multicolored card stock, fun tack, blue painters tape, pencil top erasers.



For a list of larger classroom items, use the QR code or the link below to their Amazon Wish List. Purchases through this Amazon Wish List get delivered straight to the school.
[tinyurl.com/458u7rt6](https://www.tinyurl.com/458u7rt6)

CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is open Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.–2 p.m. with all our ongoing health practices and protocols in place. New online content is posted Monday to Thursday at 12 p.m. on our programs page: chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs. **Registration is required for all activities and classes** at the Center as space is limited for social distancing. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org.

Please note that the Center on the Hill will be closed from Monday, August 21 through Friday, August 25 for summer cleaning and a break before the fall classes begin.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING (*registration required*)

Fridays, ongoing start anytime, 12-2 p.m.

\$60 for ten sessions, \$7 per session at the door. Your first visit is free.

Start your weekend right! Enjoy learning folk dances from the Balkans, Greece, France, the British-Isles, and beyond. No partner is needed, as most dances are done in lines and circles.

SKETCHING AND WATERCOLOR CLASS (*registration required*)

Mondays and Tuesdays, ongoing start anytime, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$32 per month

Please bring check payment to first class.

Enjoy sketching and watercolor painting in a relaxed class. A variety of mediums will be demonstrated. This class is for people of all abilities. Instructor Alex Forbes has been teaching for the past twenty-six years. He is an accomplished artist who exhibits at the Chestnut Hill Gallery.

CLASSIC TABLE GAMES OPEN PLAY (*registration required*)

Mondays, ongoing start anytime

12-2 p.m., \$2

Playing table games are proven to stimulate brain areas that are responsible for memory formation and complex thought processes in all ages. Bring your own favorite game or choose from one we have here at the Center.

BRIDGE OPEN PLAY (*registration required*)

Wednesdays, ongoing start anytime

11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$2

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Party Bridge. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.



TAKE ME OUT
TO THE BALLGAME!

PCCH GOES TO THE IRON PIGS!

Saturday, August 19, 6:35pm
(with post-game fireworks)

The Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs
host the **Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp**
(*how's that for a great team name?*)

Tickets \$12

*group size limited to 20
carpooling to ballpark from church available*

Contact Clarke Woodruff by August 1
scw207@hotmail.com

Join us for this family-friendly, all-church event!



HAPPENING HERE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 13

Worship

Church School

Fellowship

sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Widener Hall, 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, August 14

Vacation Bible School

Sketching and Watercolor class

WaterMedia level 2 class

Qigong class

Alexander Technique class

Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal

Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal

Finance Committee meeting

chapel, 9 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 1:30 p.m.
Harris, 2 p.m.
Harris, 3:50 p.m.
chapel/room 3&4, 4 p.m.
choir room, sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.
Harris, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, August 15

Vacation Bible School

Mindfulness practice

Sketching and Watercolor class

Presbytery luncheon

Mah Jongg open play

Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal

chapel, 9 a.m.
room 4, 9:30 a.m.
room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
room 5, 12:30 p.m.
choir room/room 3&4, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 16

Rotary Club meeting

Vacation Bible School

Rummy Tiles open play group

Vacation Bible School workshop

Zumba Gold class

Bridge open play

Mah Jongg open play

Golden Yoga class

Weight Watchers group

Pennsylvania Girlchoir rehearsal

Widener Hall, 7:30 a.m.
chapel, 9 a.m.
room 5, 10:30 a.m.
Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
room 3&4, 11 a.m.
room 1&2, 11:30 a.m.
room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Widener Hall, 3 p.m.
Harris, 5:15 p.m.
sanctuary/Widener Hall/
choir room/room 3&4, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, August 17

BNI meeting	room 5, 7:45 a.m.
Vacation Bible School	chapel, 9 a.m.
Qigong class	Harris, 9 a.m.
Thursday painters group	room 1&2, 9:30 a.m.
Mah Jongg MLE group	room 5, 1:30 p.m.
Commonwealth Youthchoirs rehearsal	choir room/room 3&4, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 18

Vacation Bible School	chapel, 9 a.m.
Scrabble open play	room 5, 10 a.m.
International folk dancing class	room 3&4, 12 p.m.
PCCH Sober and Out group	Harris, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, August 20

Worship	sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Church School	Strouse, 10:20 a.m.
Fellowship	Widener Hall, 11 a.m.
Crossing rehearsal	sanctuary, 2 p.m.

ABOUT PCCH

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL is a lively congregation that has been serving Philadelphia and beyond since 1852. We have been located on this site since 1950. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Our traditional worship service connects with contemporary approaches to questions of faith and life. We support a wide range of mission partners throughout the city and are home to a number of music groups.

Our membership is drawn from the city and surrounding communities. We aspire to be an inclusive community of faith in our work and worship together.

SESSION

Jill Bown	Lisa Guyer	Taylor Slaughter
Shannon Cavanaugh	Kate Houston	Harry Spaeth
Rebecca DePasquale	James Lutz	James Spause
Gregory Dickinson	Ryan Mann	Margaret Spencer
Matthew Eastman	William Murphy	William Storm
Jack Evans	Elizabeth Podraza	Beth Nell Vaccaro
Graeme Frazier	Michelle Shachtman	Clarke Woodruff

BOARD OF DEACONS

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Beth DeSoo	Emily McCahery	Dominick Rebeck
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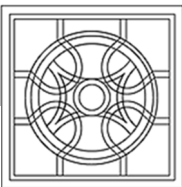
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